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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims. On November 17, 2006, the Examiner contacted Applicants' representative Denise Kettelberger to discuss amendments that would place the elected claims in condition for allowance. The Listing of Claims reflects our understanding of amendments that were discussed during the teleconference. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time, candid remarks, and helpful comments.

Claims 1, 16, 17, 20, and 21 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 20-24 are newly presented. Applicants submit the amendments and newly presented claims are supported by the specification, including for example at page 6, lines 29-30, page 10, lines 36-37, page 23, lines 12-28, page 24, lines 8-12, and page 33, lines 11-14, and do not introduce any issues of new matter. Claims 3-15 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in a continuation application. After entry of the Amendment, claims 1-2, 16-18, and 20-24 will be pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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